

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 28, 2008

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A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI, at 7:10 p.m., was called to order with the following present:

Frederic C. Crowley, Chair, Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Karen MacBeth, Clerk, Lisa Beaulieu, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent; Susan C. Carney, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent; Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Mr. Earl Wood arrives at 7:11 p.m.

I. Meeting Convenes at 7:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda "C On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and second by Ms. Beaulieu, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE the Agenda. All in favor "C All

III. Old Business "C A. Non-Renewals, NONE; B. Personnel Recommendations, NONE;
C. Report on District Assessments, Dr. Carney reports on 12 page PowerPoint (See attachment A).

Mr. David Wagner arrives at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Crowley arrives at 7:40 p.m.

Talked about possible reasons for low high school scores
- high school youngsters did not cooperate for test (left answers blank)

IV. FY 2008-2009 Budget Workshop "C Dr. Morelle discusses PowerPoint (see attachment B); Budget amount \$52,352,188; Mr. Prignano reports on Technology; Dr. Morelle discusses last slide of attachment B (see attachment C,D,E,F,G,H);
Dr. Morelle discusses nurses (see attachment I)

Mr. McLaughlin "C community member spoke regarding retirements
Pilar Shafer "C McCourt Middle School re: cutting chorus and band positions vs. 1 chorus program.

School Nurse at B.F. Norton "CMs. Kaplan spoke about shortage of sub nurses and elimination of nurses.

John Elkas "C community member regarding freshman sports, specifically football

Kath Steinke "C Want to hear Mr. Woodj's questions

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Mr. Wood asks questions on budget "C

- Durham

- Cost comparison on work transition program

- Custodians and new construction and keeping all clean

Mr. Costa "C Admin @ 3% not sharing pa

Ms. MacBeth "C Check Providence's formula for Admin

Tim DeCotis, NCMS Student "C Foreign Language cuts concern

Mrs. Jones, Chair of World Language "C What does it mean about all student will get World Language

Mr. Kenworthy "C 7th & 8th graders will get access every other day

Mr. Costa "C Janitorial concerns

Mrs. Beaulieu "C Increase last year for janitor ¡ú no decrease

Mr. Costa "C School nurse at high school 1.1

Mr. McLaughlin "C Custodian, Administration

**Motion that we bring forth the budget of \$52,352,188 by Mr. Wagner.
Second by Mr. Thibodeau.**

Mr. Wagner "C Custodial questions

Ms. MacBeth's concerns: nurses, principals, legal fees, sports, chorus, custodians, on-line learning, administration raises, retirements, technology, out of district placements.

Ms. Beaulieu "C Explore more distant learning

Mr. Crowley "C Freshman sports "C eliminate bussing to all sports; share bussing with other districts; director for athletics combine w/school director van ú McGee getting one that we can share; health and safety of students "C custodians; nurses; town taking over snowplowing; get choice of 21 to 26 pay weeks for teachers; 6 days of work w/o pay; SC give part of their pay; talk to teachers about renegotiate last year contract; space utilization task force.

Mr. Thibodeau "C This is a process, trust me.

ROLL CALL VOTE "C

Mr. Wood "C Yes

Ms. Beaulieu "C Yes

Mr. Costa "C No

Mr. Wagner "C Yes

Mr. Thibodeau "C Yes

Ms. MacBeth "C No

Mr. Crowley "C Yes

Adjourn Meeting "C Motion to ADJOURN, Ms. MacBeth, Second by Mr. Thibodeau.

All in Favor "C ALL

Meeting Minutes recorded by Karen MacBeth, Clerk

Meeting notes typed by Cynthia Chabot

Meeting Minutes Approved by School Committee: March 13, 2008